

VTCL 2008 North Central Regional Convention

June 12-14, 2008 Wichita, Kansas

Here is a summary of events planned for you at our 2008 North Central Regional Convention, "Thunder Across The Plains," celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Big Bird!

Thursday, June 12 The special \$88 convention rate at the Hilton begins June 10, but Thursday, June 12 is the official arrival date, with Registration from 1 to 5:00 PM. This will be followed by our Welcome at 5:30 consisting of a light supper and a cash bar. Following the welcome, our club has arranged a Thursday evening event you won't want to miss. Wichita's Native American heritage and history is exemplified by our community Icon "Keeper of the Plains" statue and recreational area situated prominently at the confluence of the Big Arkansas and Little Arkansas rivers in Wichita's Delano/river district. About 8:00 we will transport you to the area for a short stroll and an impressive sundown event, then transport you back to the hotel for a good night's sleep. During your stay at the Hilton, our Thunderbirds will be guarded not only by the Wichita Police Department, the Airport Authority, and private police officers, but will be in view from the window of your room.

Friday, June 13 Wichita is "Air Capital of the World" and it seems

appropriate to show you the inner workings of a major airplane manufacturer. Club members have arranged for Cessna Aircraft to take us on a private tour of the Cessna Citation facility. This is a short bus ride from the hotel, and the tour will be conducted in the morning. (In the event that a world event would cause Cessna to temporarily bar any tours, we have an equally interesting alternate plan for you) Lunch will be on your own upon return to the hotel.

Friday afternoon will be a chance to clean up the cars for judging with hoses and washing equipment provided by the hotel. The judge's meeting will also be conducted at that time. Late Friday afternoon we will board the bus for a short trip to a private museum of classic cars. Have you ever seen a Pebble Beach winner? Have you ever seen six of them in one place? Well, these are just a few of the cars included in the private museum of a local aircraft equipment manufacturer.

After returning to the Hilton, we will enjoy a casual evening meal and mixer along with some local entertainment. The balance of the evening can be spent on your own, in the great Hilton bar, or getting a good rest for the next day.

Saturday, June 14 Saturday morning marks the beginning of the Concours, with a Judges and Owners meeting at 8:00AM followed by Judging beginning at 9:00 AM.



Participants are encouraged to remain near their cars even after judging is over. Due to the high visibility of the location, the public is likely to want to see your beautiful cars. Judge's lunch will be provided. The Thunderbird and Ford Parts Swap and Shop will also be in progress near the judging area. An outdoor hospitality tent with cold refreshments is also planned.

For those family members who do not want to spend the entire day with the cars, transportation will be provided for locations of your choice: Old Town and the Museum of Ancient Treasures, Cowtown, Wichita Art Museum, and Exploration Place, just to name a few. All buses and visitors will be returning to the hotel in ample time to prepare for the Car Tales Hour and Awards Banquet !

Sunday, June 15 Now...the work is done, the judging is over, the banquet is over. Don't immediately hit the road on Sunday! Take an extra day to relax with us by attending "Cruisin In the Jungle", Father's Day at the Zoo Car Show! This is one of our best annual car shows. Follow the caravan carefully led by Mid-Kansas members from the Hilton to Sedgwick County's zoo, considered one of the top 5 in the country! There, wildlife resides in their natural habitat and our cars will be parked throughout the zoo grounds in a paved and shaded setting. From 9:00 AM to about 3:30 PM you will show your beautiful Thunderbird to several

thousand appreciative people who have never seen your car before! Participants and families can divide their time between showing their car and enjoying our zoo. We guarantee you will not run out of things to see in the time allotted. All cars present are eligible for sponsor's trophies, (no judging) and the Awards presentations will be concluded about 3:30PM. You will be escorted back to the Hilton after Cruizin in the Jungle is over. Participants can divide their time in the pool, enjoy a great meal in the Legends, or any of many nearby restaurants of their choice.

Anything Else You Wanted to See? Throughout your stay, our regional convention is also offering a Mid-Kansas staffed Concierge booth in addition to the Hilton staff. All Registrants will have been provided with a copy of our Convention and Visitors Bureau's, "Find Yourself in Wichita" brochure with many, many other attractions and shopping listed. Our Mid-Kansas Concierge is there to assist you in finding your way to any special attraction our city has to offer. Assistance may be in the form of directions, transportation, advice, and experience. We don't want any of our guests to go away without seeing what is of special interest to them in our great city.

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